Strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions

*441. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYAT RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been or are being taken by the authorities of various States to demarcate the functional areas of the different tiers of local bodies in order to strengthen the Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b) if so, the details of such steps taken as on date, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether any steps have been or are being taken to transfer the Institutions and staff under Government to the Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(d) if so, the details of such steps taken as on date, State-wise; and

(e) other steps taken to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions and the present status of such Institutions as on date State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details are set out in Statement I (*See* below).

(d) With a view to accelerating the process of activity mapping, there has been intensive interaction between the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj and several of the State Governments concerned. the outcome is summarized at statement-II (*See* below).

(e) The question of the effective devolution of functions, functionaries and finances was taken up at the first Round Table of State Panchayati Raj Ministers held in Kolkata in July, 2004. The conclusions reached by consensus may be seen at Statement-III (*See* below). To monitor the implementation of these consensual conclusions, the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj will be visiting all States and Union Territories. A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted to meet approximately once a month and a Council of Panchayati Raj Ministers will be reviewing implementation periodically.

Statement-I

Status of Devolution of Functions
To Panchayati Raj Institutions through State Panchayati Raj Legislation

Sl.No.	States/UTs	No. of subjects transferred to Panchayats
1.	Karnataka	29
2.	Kerala	26
3.	Sikkim	24
4.	Maharashtra	18
5.	Andhra Pradesh	17
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
7.	Assam	29
8.	Bihar	25
9.	Jharkhand	-
10.	Goa	6
11.	Gujarat	15
12.	Haryana	16
13.	Himachal Pradesh	26 subjects
14.	Madhya Pradesh	23
15.	Chhattisgarh	29
16.	Manipur	22
17.	Orissa	25
18.	Punjab	07
19.	Rajasthan	29
20.	Tamil Nadu	29
21.	Tripura	12
22.	Uttar Pradesh	12
23.	Uttaranchal	11
24.	West Bengal	29
25.	A&N Islands	06
26.	Chandigarh	-
27.	D&N Haveli	03
28.	Daman & Diu	09
29.	NCT of Delhi	Panchayati Raj System is yet to be revived
30.	Pondicherry	-
31.	Lakshadweep	06

The provisions of the Constitutions (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 are not applicable to the States of J&K, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.

Statement-II

Progress indicated by States/UTs on the Activity Mapping

ANDHRA PRADESH

Nine Departments have been identified as crucial subjects for activity mapping. The activity mapping of the responsibilities, functions and functionaries have been prepared by the Panchayati Raj Department. Discussions have been completed in respect of five subjects. This will be placed before a Task Force headed by a Special Chief Secretary and then before a Sub-Committee of Ministers.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Activity Mapping completed for partial devolution of powers to Panchayats in respect of 10 Subjects.

ASSAM

Activity mapping has been completed in respect of functions of 29 subjects.

BIHAR

Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and Government of Bihar have developed the draft activity mapping.The process is expected to be completed by 30.6.2005.

CHHATTISGARH

Guidelines have been formulated and circulated to Departments. A document is being prepared by PRIA on the activity mapping, Chhattisgarh. The action on activity mapping will be completed by August, 2005.

GOA

Devolution of functions and functionaries and finances have been made.

GUJARAT

The State Government is in the process of consulting various Departments of activity mapping.

HARYANA

The State Government has prepared draft activity mapping and circulated in February, 2005 to various Departments to have their views.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Chief Secretary has called a meeting of all Departmental Heads to discuss devolution of functions, functionaries and funds to Panchayats afresh.

KARNATAKA

Activity mapping has been completed in August, 2003. Full transfer of funds in accordance with Activity Mapping has been undertaken in the budget of 2005-06.

KERALA

Functional mapping was done way back on 1998. Now the State Government has decided to re-work it in consultation with Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and Institute of Social and Economic change (ISEC).

MADHYA PRADESH

PRIA and Government of Madhya Pradesh have developed the draft activity mapping. The process is likely to completed by June 15, 2005.

MAHARASHTRA

Out of 29 subjects in Eleventh Schedule almost all the core functions like drinking water, roads etc. are with Panchayats. Only exceptions are Rural Electrification, Farm Forestry and Small Scale Industries alongwith functions, functionaries and finances have also been given to PRIs.

MANIPUR

Activity Mapping among Zilla Parishads and Gram Panchayats in respect of 22 subjects already done. In the first phase, devolution of funds and functionaries in respect of 10 subjects is under active consideration of the State Government. There is no Intermediate Panchayat in Manipur.

ORISSA

Activity Mapping will be completed by first week of May, 2005.

PUNJAB

Activity Mapping has been drafted and circulated to Departments for comments. Comments have been obtained. The draft incorporating the comments has been put up to Chief Secretary and after that it will be put up to Cabinet for final notification.

RAJASTHAN

All the subjects listed in Eleventh Schedule have been transferred to PRIs. Functionaries have been transferred in respect of 18 subjects. Funds relating to the activities and staff transfer to PRIs is being controlled and monitored by respective Panchayats.

SIKKIM

24 functions alongwith functionaries and funds have been devolved to Panchayats.

TAMIL NADU

Basic amenities like drinking water supply, roads, sanitation etc. have been entrusted to Panchayats.

TRIPURA

12 functions have been devolved to Panchayats. Functionaries and funds are yet to be devolved.

UTTARANCHAL

PRIA has been involved for developing activity mapping in respect of 14 subjects.

UTTAR PRADESH

Activities of all the 29 subjects have been identified at each level of the three tiers of Panchayats.

WEST BENGAL

Work is going on activity mapping and will be completed by the end of April, 2005.

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

Activity mapping has been completed in respect of 6 subjects.

DAMAN & DIU AND DADRA NAGAR HAVELI

The UT Administration has prepared draft revised Regulations incorporating activities under the Schedule Eleven subjects and has submitted these to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for further action.

LAKSHADWEEP

Functions in respect of 6 subjects have been devolved to Panchayats. Functionaries and funds in respect thereof are yet to be devolved.

Statement-III

First round table of Ministers-in-Charge of Panchayati Raj Kolkata

24-25th July, 2004

Ministers in charge of Panchayati Raj, and their representatives, bearing in mind the spirit of cooperative federalism which must inform the effective implementation of Panchayati Raj as set out in Para IX of the Constitution of India and related provisions, including in particular, Article 243ZD (District Planning Committees), agreed to recommend to their respective Governments, for joint acceptance by the Centre and the States, the following points of action:—

Effective Devolution of Functions:

(i) The Constitution (Article 243G) provides for "devolution", that is, the empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to function as institutions of self-government for the twin purposes of (i) making plans for economic development and social justice for their respective areas, and ii) implementing programmes of economic development and social justice in their respective areas, for subjects devolved to the PRIs, including those listed in the Eleventh Schedule, and subject to such conditions as the State may, by law, specify. Therefore, the key objective is to ensure that Panchayati Raj Institutions function as institutions of self-government rather than as mere implementing agencies for other authorities in respect of such functions as may be devolved on them;

(ii) while devolution must eventually comprise the entire range of subjects provided for in the State legislation in a time-bound manner, States/UTs may prioritize their devolution programme to ensure that for such functions as are prioritized, there is full and effective devolution in empowering PRIs as institutions of self-government in respect of these functions:

(iii) To this end,the essential step is the identification of activities related to the devolved functions with a view to attributing each of these activities to the appropriate tier of the 3-tier system. To the extent possible, there should be no overlapping between tiers in respect of any given activity;

(iv) In determining the tier of the Panchayati Raj System to which any given activity is to be attributed, the principle of subsidiarity must, to the extent possible, be followed. The principle of subsidiarity states that any activity which can be undertaken at a lower level must be undertaken at that level in preference to being undertaken at any higher level;

(v) On the basis of the identification of activities relating to devolved functions, and through the application of the principle of the subsidiarity, States/UTs may review/undertake time-bound activity mapping with a view to completing this exercise within the fiscal year 2004-05;

(vi) The activity mapping model as evolved in the Ministry of Rural Development in the Report of the Task Force on Devolution of Powers and Functions upon Panchayati Raj Institutions, and the information provided about existing State-wise activity mapping in the Fact Sheets presented to the Round Table, might be drawn upon by State Governments/UT Administrations for preparing their respective activity mapping exercises;

(vii) The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj could, on request, furnish technical assistance and expertise to State Govts./UT Administrations to accomplish activity mapping within the time-frame indicated;

(viii) With a view to promoting a measure of irrevocability of devolved functions, devolution may be routed through legislative measurs or, alternatively, by providing a strong legislative framework for devolution through executive orders.

Effective Devolution of Functionaries:

(I) The devolution of functionaries to the Panchayati Raj Institutions should be patterned on the activity mapping of activities related to devolved functions;

(II) Where the devolved activity requires the deputation of State Government officials to assist the elected PRI in planning or implementing the devolved activity, the officials concerned must be primarily responsible to, and under the disciplinary supervision and control of, the elected authority;

(III) With a view to building a cadre of officials and technocrats specialized in the devolved functions of the PRIs, State Governments/UT Administrations may consider instituting a

Panchayati Raj Administrative and Technical Service, with the State Government discontinuing further recruitment of staff to State services for such devolved functions;

(IV) (i) Reconceiving the role of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) as an important instrument for Panchayati Raj development through the progressive merger of DRDAs with the District Panchayats. The technical expertise and other facilities of the DRDAs should become available to all tiers of the PRIs under the overall responsibility and disciplinary control of the elected authority in the PRIs at the appropriate level;

(ii) The activities of the reconceived DRDAs with respect to the three tiers of the Panchayati Raj system should be patterned on the activity map for the devolution of functions, functionaries and funds so that all the three tiers of PRIs have equitable access to the resources, expertise, facilities and manpower of the DRDAs.

Effective Devolution of Finances:

(I) The "sound finances" of the Panchayats is a Constitutional obligation enjoined on the States by Article 243-I. In pursuance of this Constitutional obligation, the States and the Centre, in a true spirit of fiscal federalism, should work together to strengthen the finances of the elected local bodies;

(II) To this end, the devolution of finances to the three tiers of the Panchayati Raj System should be patterned on activity mapping for the devolution of functions and functionaries, thus securing effective devolution of powers to the PRIs through the linking of the devolution of finances to the devolution of functions and functionaries;

(III) On the basis of the principles adumbrated above, the State Governments might attempt to prepare a road map, to be made effective as soon as possible, and, in any case, by the end of the next fiscal year 2005-06, which might include the following components:

(i) Devolution, tier-wise and based on activity mapping, of:

(a) Planning;

(b) Budgeting;

(c) Provisioning of finances.

(ii) Inclusion of a PRI component in the budget of each State/Central Government department based on activity mapping;

(iii) Provision of progressively larger untied funds, tier-wise, to the Panchayats by State/Central Governments;

(iv) Provision of untied grants from the Planning Commission to the PRIs, tier-wise, based on activity mapping;

(v) Tier-wise allocations, based on activity mapping of the PRIs, of hitherto unallocated grants, if any, made by previous Finance Commissions, and a pre-determined pattern for the tier-wise allocation within a time-bound framework of grants from the 12th and future Finance Commissions;

(vi) A schedule, to be determined by each State Government/ UT Administration, of the time-frames within which State Finance Commissions should prepare their reports; for the submission of State Finance Commission recommendations, along with Action Taken Reports (ATRs), to the Legislature; and for the executive to act on recommendations/ATRs endorsed by the State Legislature;

(vii) Steps to encourage PRIs to raise their own resources, especially through the provision to "appropriate" revenues raised by them for their own purposes (Article 243 H).

Gram Sabhas:

(i) Article 243A of Part IX of the Constitution provides for the establishment of Gram Sabhas to "exercise such powers and perform such functions at the village level as the Legislature of a State may, by law, provide";

(ii) A strong system of Gram Sabhas is the indispensable foundation of good governance through Panchayati Raj;

(iii) Based on the two principles stated above, State Governments may review the extant legislation to determine the legislative and other steps which remain to be taken to ensure that the "powers" and "functions" mentioned in Article 243A of the Constitution are adequately incorporated in the State legislation. In particular, the following points may be examined:-

(i) The need for constituting Sabhas below the Gram level (such as Gram Sansad, Upa-Gram Sabha or Ward Sabha, by whatever

name called) with the aim of ensuring that the adult population in each ward is given the opportunity of conveying to the Gram Sabha their views on issues coming up for consideration as also holding the elected Ward representative responsible to the adult population in each Ward;

(ii) The periodicity of meetings of Gram Sabhas and Ward Sabhas;

(iii) Provision for full and satisfactory consultation with special or disadvantaged categories of the population, such as women, SC/ ST, landless labourer etc;

(iv) Provision for Mahila Sabha meetings, comprising all the adult women of a Ward/Gram Panchayat area, to deliberate upon, and decide the modalities of, expressing their views in the Gram/Ward Sabhas;

(v) Endowing the Gram/Ward Sabha with meaningful empowerment through such measures as:

(a) Right/entitlement to all the information required for the Gram/ Ward Sabhas to contribute to transparent and good governance, as well as to make the elected Panchayat truly answerable to the Gram/Ward Sabha;

(b) Approve before implementation commences, plans and programmes (including budgets) for economic development and social justice prepared by the Gram Panchayat;

(c) Authorize the issuance of utilization certificates of funds allocated for the plans, projects or programmes of the Panchayat;

(d) Identification of beneficiaries.

(vi) Such social audit measures may also be appropriately institutionalized at the Block and District level.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: I have given a notice. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहलुवालिया: सभापति महोदय, किसी पर्टिकुलर पार्टी को बदनाम करने की कोशिश की जा रही है।...(व्यवधान)... सर, लालू जी के बयान को रिकार्ड में से एक्सपंज किया जाये।...(व्यवधान)...सभापति महोदय, इनके बयान को एक्सपंज किया जाये।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री रवि शंकर प्रसाद: सभापति महोदय, सरकार के मंत्री पर चार्ज लगा है।...(व्यवधान)... इस सरकार के मंत्री पर गंभीर चार्ज लगा है।...(व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सभापति महोदय ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: This House is not meant for ...(*Interruptions*)...

प्रो॰ राम देव भंडारी: सभापति महोदय, क्वेश्चन ऑवर ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: एक मिनट। ...(व्यवधान)... माननीय सदस्य, लालू जी ने जो कुछ कहा है, उसका क्वेश्चन ऑवर से और क्वेश्चन्स से कोई संबंध नहीं है, नम्बर एक। ...(व्यवधान)... एक मिनट आप बैठ जाइये। ...(व्यवधान)... Please sit down. Please, take your seat. अब अगर श्री लालू जी ने कुछ कहा है और आप उसको आपत्तिजनक मानते हैं, तो कई नियम ऐसे हैं, जिन नियमों के अंतर्गत आप कार्यवाही कर सकते हैं, हाउस को नोटिस दे सकते हैं, चर्चा कर सकते हैं, इसलिए मैं आपसे अपील करना चाहूंगा कि क्वेश्चन ऑवर चलने दीजिए। श्री लालू जी के संबंध में आपको कोई बात आपत्तिजनक लग रही हो तो रूल्स के हिसाब से नोटिस दे दीजिए और मैं उसको देख लूंगा। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री एस॰ एस॰ अहलुवालिया: सभापति महोदय ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा: सर, मैंने नोटिस दिया है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, आपने जो बात कही है। ...(व्यवधान)... सर, आपने जो बात कही है, उसका जवाब भी सुन लीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)... सर, यह बयान लालू जी का नहीं है, यह बयान सरकार का है। This is a *suo moto* statement of the Minister given with the approval of the Cabinet. ...(व्यवधान)... सरकार का जो बयान है, वह आपत्तिजनक है। ..(व्यवधान).. सरकार के बयान को ...(व्यवधान)..

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा: सर, मैंने नोटिस दिया है। ...(व्यवधान)..

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, किसी रूल्स में यह नहीं होगा कि यह सुओ-मोटो स्टेटमेंट है और उसमें मंत्री जी इस तरह की बातें कहेंगे। यह किसी को पता नहीं होता है कि सुओ-मोटो स्टेटमेंट में मंत्री जी आपत्तिजनक बातें कहेंगे। ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Sir, we have started this. ...(*Interruptions*)... unfortunately, the Panchayats do not get sufficient financial assistance ...(*Interruptions*)... They are not getting adequate finance either from the Centre or from the States ...(*Interruptions*)... Naturally, the Government has to make necessary changes in the financial provisions ...(*Interruptions*)... to ensure financial right of the ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the point moved by the ...(*Interruptions*). It is provided for the constitution ...(*Interruptions*)... will allow the Panchayats with powers to discharge their functions as units of State Governments for the purposes of

implementing...(*Interruptions*)... It is really for the State itself to ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: कुछ रिकार्ड में नहीं जायेगा। ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Sir, it is the States which through their legislators will endow the Panchayats with adequate powers to be able to discharge their functions as units of self-governments for the purposes of planning and implementation. ...(*Interruptions*)...Sir, it is really for the States...(*Interruptions*)...

प्रो॰ राम देव भंडारी: महोदय, ये लोग असंसदीय भाषा का प्रयोग कर रहे हैं। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: रिकॉर्ड नहीं हो रहा है। ...(व्यवधान)... रिकॉर्ड नहीं हो रहा है। ..(व्यवधान)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: At the same time, it has been ...(*Interruptions*)...For an effective devolution, it is necessary that we have activities...(*Interruptions*)...Now, some States, like Kerala have gone...(*Interruptions*)...in doing this activity ...(*Interruptions*)...We took up the matter...(*Interruptions*)...Now we are proceeding in this matter in order to get the implementation...(*Interruptions*)...

डा॰ अलादी पी॰ राजकुमार: सर, हाऊस को ऑर्डर में लाइए। ..(व्यवधान).. हाऊस को ऑर्डर में लाइए। कुछ समझ में नहीं आ रहा है। ..(व्यवधान)... Sir, we are not able to hear anything...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Sir, my second supplementary is ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, there are some social problems ...(*Interruptions*)...After two years, there was a direction ...(*Interruptions*)...Sir, I would like to know as to what are the steps the Government is going to take with regard to ...(*Interruptions*)...particularly, *dalit* community...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Sir, while it is...(*Interruptions*)...and it is utterly difficult as elected representatives are ...(*Interruptions*)... for taking up the ...(*Interruptions*)... The fact is that such incidents...(*Interruptions*).... Sir, in so far as the norms all over the country are concerned, not only ...(*Interruptions*)... In order to see that such things don't take place, we certainly alert the States to ...(*Interruptions*)... The Central Government will certainly...(*Interruptions*)...such unfortunate developments don't take place.

श्री सभापति: आप बैठिये, आप बैठिये...(व्यवधान)...

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister a point with regard to...(*Interruptions*)... and especially

Kashmir....(*Interruptions*)... Sir, the hon. Minister is aware of that...(*Interruptions*)...Sir, the Kashmir Valley...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Sir, the hon. Member when he was a Member of the...(*Interruptions*)...There was a Constitutional amendment...(*Interruptions*)...Sir, there was a specific problem...(*Interruptions*)...the State of Jammu and Kashmir...(*Interruptions*)...To the Government and in the State...(*Interruptions*)...As a result of the dialogue...(*Interruptions*)...We are able to come to a solution that will bring the system ...(*Interruptions*)...in the crucial state of...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री मोती लाल वोरा : सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि Statement I में उन्होंने दिया है ...(व्यवधान)... मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि वे कौन-सी स्टेट्स हैं ...(व्यवधान)... उन्होंने अपने उत्तर में कहा है कि ...(व्यवधान)... मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से अनुरोध करूंगा कि वे स्पष्ट रूप से ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री मणि शंकर अय्यर : मुकम्मल तार पर संविधान में जो प्रावधान है ...(व्यवधान)... उनको मान्यता दी जाए, लेकिन समझने वाली बात है कि ...(व्यवधान)... यह जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकारों को दी गई है और हमारा प्रयास यह रहता है कि बजाय किसी प्रकार के मतभेद रहें हमारी सरकारों के बीच में, उसमें आपसी चर्चा करने से, बिलकुल सहमति से किसी ऐसे निष्कर्ष पर हम पहुंचें कि ...(व्यवधान)... इसके ज़रिए मोटे तौर पर तय किया गया था कि क्या-क्या ...(व्यवधान)... अब मैं हर राज्य में शुरू कर रहा हूं ताकि उनको पता लगे कि ऐसा हो रहा है। ...(व्यवधान)... छत्तीसगढ़ का दौरा अगस्त में होने वाला है और मैं माननीय सदस्य से अनुरोध करता हूं कि वे मेरे साथ आएं और ...(व्यवधान)... वे देखें कि छत्तीसगढ़ को और बेहतर बनाने के लिए कैसे पुरजोर अभियान चलाया जा सकता है। साथ-साथ मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार से, मुख्य मंत्री की तरफ से और पंचायतों की तरफ से हमें पूरा सहयोग मिल रहा है और मैं उम्मीद करता हूं कि छत्तीसगढ़ और आगे बढ़ेगा। ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Mr. Chairman, Sir, ...(*Interruptions*)... In this regard, I would like to know from the hon. Minister ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Sir, the Constitutional amendment is ...(*Interruptions*)... I would agree with the hon. Member ...(*Interruptions*)... in the State of ...(*Interruptions*)... there are unfortunately ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, the Union Territories where elections have not ...(*Interruptions*)... Chief Ministers ...(*Interruptions*)... as far as possible, I suggest the 21st ...(*Interruptions*)... Shri Rajiv Gandhi...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री मूलचन्द मीणा: महोदय, मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि पंचायत राज ...(व्यवधान)... करने के लिए ...(व्यवधान)... चाहे जिला परिषद् ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : सुनने दो। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री मूल चन्द मीणा : भ्रष्टाचार को रोकने के लिए ...(व्यवधान)... जिला परिषद् का ...(व्यवधान)... कोई ऐसा कार्यक्रम ...(व्यवधान)... जिससे कि भ्रष्टाचार को ...(व्यवधान)... मिटाया जा सके?

श्री मणि शंकर अय्यर : महोदय, ...(व्यवधान)... ऐसा हर जगह ...(व्यवधान)... वहां भ्रष्टाचार होता है, मुझे नहीं लगता है। ...(व्यवधान)... जिनके पास जो भी शिकायत आती है, ... (व्यवधान)... वे कार्यवाही करते हैं। ...(व्यवधान)... यदि ऐसा कोई वाकया हुआ हो जिसकी जानकारी माननीय सदस्य को हो और हमें न हो, तो कृपया वह जानकारी हमें दे दें। ...(व्यवधान)... लेकिन जो ...(व्यवधान)... जिसके जरिए, पार्लियामेंट के सिस्टम के तरीके से, जैसा कि यहां ...(व्यवधान)... वही किया जाता है, सदन के द्वारा ...(व्यवधान)... राज्य सरकार के मुख्यमंत्री ...(व्यवधान)... आते हैं, वैसे ही जिला परिषदों में कर रहे हैं। ...(व्यवधान)... मुझे लग रहा है कि गलत ...(व्यवधान)...जो दायित्व है या वहां का जो जिला है...(व्यवधान)...यदि वह सीधे चुनकर आते हैं, ...(व्यवधान)... का वह क्या करेगा ...(व्यवधान)... जो जिला परिषद् के मेम्बरान हैं। ...(व्यवधान)... इसका सही ...(व्यवधान)... ढांचे का बदले । हम भ्रष्टाचार को खत्म करने के लिए ...(व्यवधान)... कार्यवाही करेंगे।

SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : I want to know from the Hon. Minister what actions the Government has taken ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*... The fact of the matter is ...*(Interruptions)*... What we need to do is to congratulate...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Natchiappan.

SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN : Sir, I would like to ask...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सभापति : पीछे हट जाइए...(व्यवधान)... वेल से हट जाइए ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...It is the bounden duty of the Centre to respect the Constitution ...*(Interruptions)*...If I can get any specific information from the hon. Member Shri Natchiappan...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN : But, Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...Let me avail of this opportunity to say that we are in close contact with the ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सभापति : पीछे हटिए...(व्यवधान)... सदन की कार्यवाही बारह बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at twenty-nine minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

World Bank's assessment of projects under DPIP in Madhya Pradesh

†*442. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the World Bank has inspected and assessed the ongoing projects to uplift the standard of living of the villagers of backward districts of Madhya Pradesh under District Poverty Initiatives Programme (DPIP) and World Bank has appreciated the success of the projects;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering to seek more assistance from the World Bank for extending the projects in Madhya Pradesh and in other states; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Government has noted the assessment of the World Bank that Madhya Pradesh District Poverty Initiatives Project (MP-DPIP) is moving in the right direction of achieving the development objectives. However, this project's utilization of the World Bank assistance needs to be accelerated by the State Government as only 40.6% of the credit has been utilised till March, 2005.

(c) and (d) In the Country Strategy for India (CAS) of the World Bank for the period 2005-08, six Rural Livelihood projects have been identified, covering the states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. One State is yet to be identified.

Guidelines on use of Helicopters by civilians/VVIPS

*443. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.